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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR INDIAN MINE DISASTER

PRESS GUIDANCE BELOW WAS PREPARED FOR USE AT DEPARTMENT'S NOON PRESS BRIEFING. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS AT THE BRIEFING, WE HAVE USED THE GUIDANCE TO ANSWER QUERIES FROM INDIAN CORRESPONDENTS AND AP.

Q. IS THE UNITED STATES DOING ANYTHING TO HELP THE INDIANS WITH THEIR MINE DISASTER?

A. WE WERE SHOCKED AND SADDENED BY NEWS OF THE COAL MINE DISASTER IN INDIA. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, THE MINING ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR IS ARRANGING URGENTLY FOR THE SHIPMENT OF TEN SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS TO INDIA. SEVERAL EXPERTS ARE ALSO GOING AT INDIAN REQUEST. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS STILL SOME HOPE FOR SURVIVORS FROM THE DISASTER AND ARE TRYING TO GET THE EQUIPMENT REQUESTED BY THE INDIANS OUT THERE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

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Q. HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST? WHEN WILL THE EQUIPMENT AND

SPECIALISTS GO?

A. THESE DETAILS ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT. WE ARE TRYING
TO BE AS HELPFUL AS WE CAN. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THE
DETAILS LATER TODAY FROM THE MINING ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION. ROBINSON

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